



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6634**

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL  
CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILINGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The State Elections Enforcement  
2       Commission may establish, within available appropriations, a pilot  
3       program to provide assistance to town clerks of not more than twenty  
4       municipalities with the completion of some or all of their filing  
5       repository duties under section 9-603 of the general statutes. The  
6       commission shall provide assistance to town clerks in accordance with  
7       this section on such terms and in such manner as the commission  
8       prescribes. The commission shall establish an application procedure  
9       for the program and criteria for the selection of municipalities. A town  
10      clerk may apply, if so directed by vote of the town's legislative body, to  
11      participate in the program. Each municipality selected to participate in  
12      the program shall implement a plan designed by the commission to  
13      transfer some or all of the town clerk's filing repository duties to the  
14      commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of  
15      section 9-623 of the general statutes, the commission may waive any  
16      late filing fee described in subsection (b) of said section 9-623 for any  
17      candidate or treasurer in a municipality that is participating in the  
18      pilot program. Said pilot program shall terminate on December 1,  
19      2015.

20 (b) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall conduct a  
 21 study, within available appropriations, of the efficiency of transferring  
 22 to the commission from the offices of the town clerks some or all of the  
 23 filing repository duties under section 9-603 of the general statutes  
 24 pursuant to the pilot program under subsection (a) of this section. The  
 25 study shall include an analysis of the: (1) Cost to municipalities of  
 26 maintaining the filing repository function, including, but not limited  
 27 to, costs associated with personnel, equipment, software, hardware  
 28 and server space; and (2) capacity of the offices of the town clerks to  
 29 assist with centralized filing repository duties, including, but not  
 30 limited to, the availability of personnel and equipment. Not later than  
 31 February 1, 2016, the commission shall report its findings and any  
 32 recommendations for legislation to make the pilot program pursuant  
 33 to subsection (a) of this section permanent, in accordance with the  
 34 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
 35 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
 36 relating to elections.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In section 1(a), moved "Within available appropriations," for consistency and in section 1(b)(1), added "costs associated with" for clarity.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*